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SUBJECT: AFTER VIETNAM

IN WAKE OF FALL OF VIETNAM AGENCY EFFORTS SHOULD, AS INDICATED BY PRESIDENT FORD, LOOK TO FUTURE RATHER THAN PAST. KEY TO U.S. POLICY FOLLOWING SETBACK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHICH WE FULLY RECOGNIZE, LIES IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S OBSERVATION THAT EXPERIENCE "MAKES US MORE MATURE IN COMMITMENTS WE UNDERTAKE AND MORE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THOSE WE HAVE."

IMMEDIATE TASK GENCY PROGRAMMING IS TO CONVINCE AUDIENCES ABROAD AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN BUILDING A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS WORLD REMAINS STRONG, STEADY AND CONTINUING, AND AMERICA IS FULLY AWARE STABILIZING EFFECT OF ITS PRESENCE WHERE HOSTILE FORCES CONFRONT EACH OTHER.

TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT MEDIA AND FIELD OFFICERS SHOULD OFFER THEIR AUDIENCES ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE UNDIMINISHED U.S. STRENGTH AND STEADFASTNESS, OF SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL HEALTH OF U.S., AND BASIC SOUNDNESS OF AMERICAN ECONOMY AND THAT OF ITS FREE WORLD ALLIES.

DRAWING UPON STATEMENTS U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL LEADERS, OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN, RESPONSIBLE MEDIA COMMENTATORS IN U.S. AND ABROAD, AND ESPECIALLY PRESS CONFERENCES AND INTERVIEWS PROVIDED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER SINCE APRIL 30, WE SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN PROGR
M OUTPUT AND CONTACTS:

--KEY TO U.S. POLICY IN IMMEDIATE POST-VIETNAM WAR PERIOD IS PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT AT TULANE UNIVERSITY THAT LOOKING TO FUTURE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN REFLECTING ON PAST, AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INJUNCTION "OUR PROBLEM NOW IS TO REMEMBER THAT UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IS ESSENTIAL FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS IN WORLD AND MUST CONTINUE WITH CONVICTION AND DEDICATION..."

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--U.S. ALLIANCES AROUND GLOBE REMAIN EXPRESSION OF DETERMINATION TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER NATIONS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS OF AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD. PRESIDENT FORD'S PLANNED VISIT TO NATO SUMMIT IN JUNE AND HIS EAST ASIA TRIP LATER THIS YEAR WILL SYMBOLIZE STRENGTH OF U.S. GLOBAL INTENTIONS.

--IN EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC, U.S. CONVICTION THAT SECURITY PACTS SUCH AS ANZUS (AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND U.S.), SEATO, AND THOSE WITH KOREA, JAPAN, TAIWAN AND PHILIPPINES, ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY REMAINS UNDIMINISHED. PRESIDENT FORD HAS RESTATED THE U.S. INTENTIONS TO STRENGTHEN THESE TIES.

--U.S. HAS WILL AND SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND NUCLEAR RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN GLOBAL BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER NECESSARY TO DISCOURAGE AGGRESSION AND PRESERVE PEACE. MILITARY STRENGTH IS UNDERPINNING OF DETENTE. HOWEVER, WHERE A NATION MAKES DECISION TO RESIST INTERNAL SUBVERSION, U.S. IS PREPARED PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THAT GOVERNMENT.

--ADJUSTMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE ABROAD, UNDERWAY WELL BEFORE COLLAPSE OF VIETNAM, ARE MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND CONDITIONED BY GROWTH OF HOST COUNTRY'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. VIEW THAT NATIONS SHOULD ASSUME MORE OF THEIR OWN SELF-DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES REMAINS A CARDINAL PRINCIPAL OF OUR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY POLICY.

--U.S. WILL CONTINUE EXERT LEADERSHIP TOWARD GLOBAL ECONOMIC WELL-BEING THROUGH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCING INSTITUTIONS AND ITS OWN PROGRAMS (EX-IM BANK, USAID) AND OTHER MULTI-NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS TO BUILD COOPERATIVE WORLD ECONOMIC STRUCTURE BASED ON SHARING AND RATIONAL USE OF WORLD'S RESOURCES.

--BECAUSE OF ITS RESILIENCY AND UNDERLYING STRENGTH U.S. ECONOMIC MECHANISM HAS BEEN ABLE WITHSTAND ENORMOUS IMPACTS OF LONG VIETNAM CONFLICT, PRICE FLUCTUATIONS AND CURTAILMENT OF FOREIGN OIL AND WORLD INFLATION TO EMERGE INTACT AND CAPABLE OF COPING WITH RECESSIONARY FORCES. AT SAME TIME U.S. HAS DEMONSTRATED ITS DISPOSITION TO PUT ASIDE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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FREE AND CENTRALLY CONTROLLED ECONOMIES TO CREATE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT FROM WHICH DURABLE WORLD PEACE CAN EVOLVE.

--AT HOME END OF WAR FINDS AMERICANS MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER OF EFFECTIVENESS OF A FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN WHICH SHARED POWER BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS MANIFEST POPULAR WILL. WHILE PRESENT IS MARKED BY DEGREE OF EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE CONFRONTATION, THE TWO BRANCHES ARE SHOWING INCREASED AWARENESS OF NEED TO COOPERATE FOR NATIONAL WELFARE, PARTICULARLY IN FOREIGN POLICY, AND ARE MOVING TO RE-ESTABLISH THAT COOPERATION NOW.

--U.S. CULTURAL VITALITY CONTINUES FLOURISH. OUR VICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY FINDS NATION ENJOYING PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED CREATIVITY IN ARTS, TECHNOLOGICAL INVENTIVENESS IN SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, AND ADVANCEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF INSTITUTIONS THAT BENEFIT MIND AND BODY OF MANKIND.

--WINDING DOWN OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN WAR, BEGINNING WITH PARIS ACCORDS, HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY GROWING COHESIVENESS IN BODY POLITIC, WITH TRANQUILLITY RETURNING TO CAMPUSES AND MODERATION TO PETITIONING OF GOVERNMENT.

--U.S. VALUES OF JUSTICE, COMMITMENT, RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION ARE EMERGING IN CLEARER PERSPECTIVE. AMERICANS HAVE BECOME MORE COGNIZANT OF LIMITATIONS INVOLVED IN MANAGING COURSE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. VIETNAM EXPERIENCE CREATED MORE REALISTIC CONCEPT OF AMERICAN ROLE ABROAD.

--AMERICA BEINNING NEW ERA BY WELCOMING TO ITS SHORES, IN KEEPING WITH AN HONORED TRADITION, TENS OF THOUSANDS VIETNAMESE FLEEING FROM OPPRESSION. AMERICA'S HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE MAKES IT UNIQUELY QUALIFIED FOR INTEGRATING THESE PEOPLE INTO ITS SOCIETY AS PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

NEGATIVE THEMES TO BE SOFT-PEDALLED AT THIS TIME INCLUDE: EXPLAINING COLLAPSE OF VIETNAM IN TERMS OF WEAKENING INFLUENCE OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS, PLACING BLAME ON PAST ADMINISTRATIONS OR LEADERS OR EXPLAINING VIETNAM'S COLLAPSE AS RESULT OF POLITICAL CONFRONTATIONS OR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AT HOME.

WE SHOULD ALSO BE WARY OF ENGAGING IN PROPAGANDA DUEL WITH HANOI
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OR GIVING UNDUE EMPHASIS TO SOVIET AND PRC CONTRIBUTION TO HANOI VICTORY. AGENCY OUTPUT AT THIS TIME SHOULD BE VERY MUCH FORWARD-LOOKING. PRESIDENT FORD'S TULANE UNIVERSITY SPEECH CREATED MOOD WHICH WE WANT AUDIENCES ABROAD TO RECOGNIZE.

GIVEN DUBIOUS RELIABILITY LIMITED SOURCES NOW AVAILABLE, OUR OWN COVERAGE OF CURRENT SCENE IN VIETNAM SHOULD HEW CLOSELY TO HARD NEWS. BE ON GUARD AGAINST MEDIA REPORTS THAT ASSUME EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF SLIM TRICKLE OF INFORMATION COMING OUT OF VIENAM. KEOGH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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